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JOINT EMBASSY/DAO MESSAGE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN CABINET RESIGNS

1. PRESIDENT BANZER THIS MORNING REQUESTED THE RESIGNATION OF HIS ENTIRE CABINET TO ENABLE HIM TO REFORM THE GOVERNMENT IN LIGHT OF FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS AND THE STRAINS APPEARING IN THE PRESENT GOVERNING COALITION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE NEW CABINET MEMBERS WILL BE KNOWN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

2. MNR CHIEF VICTOR PAZ TOLD CHARGE AT NOON RECEPTION AT BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE THAT AN ALL-MILITARY CABINET WAS BEING CONSIDERED BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THIS WOULD BE THE FINAL RESULT. HE BELIEVED MNR AND FSB WOULD CONTINUE TO SHARE IN THE CABINET WITH THE MILITARY. HIS ATTITUDE WAS ONE OF COMPOSURE. EMBASSY AGREES THAT BANZER WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO KEEP THE FPN TOGETHER BUT NO DOUBT IN DIFFERENT MIX THAN AT PRESENT.

3. OTHER INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE MORE SENSITIVE CABINET
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ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE MILITARY. IF SO, THIS MOVE WOULD BE A CONCESSION TO THE FSB AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MNR. PRESUMEDLY IT WOULD ALSO MAKE THE OPPOSITION PDC-PRA HAPPY AS THAT POLITICAL ENTITY HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED AN ALL-MILITARY CABINET TO SAFEGUARD THE ELECTION PROCESS.

4. PERHAPS MOE IMPORTANT, A MILITARY-DOMINATED CABINET MIGHT MAKE IT LESS RISKY IN THE VIEW OF PRESIDENT BANZER FOR HIM TO TAKE THE CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED STEP OF RESIGNING HIS OFFICE SIX MONTHS BEFORE ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO BECOME A LEGALLY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

5. DATT'S INDICATIONS TO DATE ARE THAT NEW CABINET MAY BE LARGELY MILITARY, A TOPIC ANTICIPATED BY DAO
IN 30 AUG IR 6 808 0237 73. ARMA RETURNED SUDDENLY TODAY FROM TOUR OF MILITARY VISITS IN BENI, WHICH HE WAS MAKING WITH CABINET MINISTERS LT COL BUSCH (AGRICULTURE) AND LT COL PEREDA ASBUN (INDUSTRY/COMMERCE) WHEN BOTH WERE CALLED BACK TO LA PAZ AT 0830 HOURS. UPON ARRIVAL IN LA PAZ, MINISTRY SUB-SECRETARIES INDICATED TO BUSCH AND PEREDA, BOTH OF WHOM HAD SPECULATED IN AIRCRAFT THAT FALANGE/MNR FRICTION HAD TRIGGERED CRISIS, THAT BUSCH MAY BE ASKED TO ACCEPT GUTIERREZ'S JOB AS FOREIGN MINISSTER. THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT ARMY CMDR ALCOREZA HAD REJECTED OFFER OF FINANCE MINISTER. AS OF 1500 HOURS SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE CONFERRING IN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.
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